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CAIRO FOR SEC SIMON'S PARTY; STATE PASS TREASURY

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM)

SUBJ: SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO KUWAIT

REF: STATE 147852

1. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SO FAR DEVELOPED FOR SECRETARY
AND PARTY DURING KUWAIT VISIT:

SUNDAY, JULY 21

1445 PARTY ARRIVES AT KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. MET BY MIN
FINANCE AND OIL ATIQUI, AMBASSADOR, AND OTHERS.

SECRETARY ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT AT VIP LOUNGE.

1515 PARTY PROCEEDS TO HILTON HOTEL

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1545 ARRIVAL AT HOTEL

1730 SMALL WORKING TEA FOR SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF PARTY HE
DESIRES TO BRING, MINFIN ATIQUI AND FONMIN UNDERSEC RASHID
AT HOME OF FONMIN (STAG).

SWIMMING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

SHOPPING TOUR OF MARKET AREA FOR WIVES.

1900 AMBASSADOR'S COCKTAIL PARTY FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY,
INCLUDING WIVES AND PRESS.

2030 DINNER FOR SECRETARY AND PARTY AT HILTON BY MINFIN & OIL
ATIQUI (STAG)

BUFFET SUPPER FOR MRS SIMON AND OTHER LADIES IN PARTY AND
YOUNG PEOPLE BY MRS STOLTZFUS

MONDAY, JULY 22

0900 CALL ON ACTING AMIR

RETURN TO HOTEL

1000 PROCEED TO AIRPORT

1030 DEPARTURE.

2. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION. IN GENERAL, BELIEVE KUWAITIS WILL
CONSIDER IT "OUR NICKEL" TO RAISE MATTERS WE WISH DISCUSS, AND
THEY WILL RESPOND FRANKLY TO THESE MATTERS AS SEEN THROUGH KUWAITI
EYES.

3. MOST MEANINGFUL TALKS WILL BE WITH ATIQUI AND ONE OR TWO OF
HIS ASSOCIATES, WHO ARE KEENLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING SECRETARY.
ATIQUI WANTS TO DISCUSS KUWAIT'S POINT OF VIEW ON PRICE AND
PRODUCTION AS WELL AS ON FINANCIAL MATTERS, INCLUDING INVESTMENT
IN THE UNITED STATES. HE WILL PROBABLY DESCRIBE PRESSURES ON
GOK (E.G. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HIGH COST OF IMPORTS, ETC.) TO
MAINTAIN HIGH PRICES, CONSERVATION, ETC.
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4. FOREIGN MINISTER CAN BE EXPECTED TO DEFER TO ATIQUI ON OIL
AND FINANCIAL MATTERS BUT ON OTHER HAND EXPRESS GENERAL WILLING-
NESS COOPERATE WITH US IN MANY FIELDS. HE MAY URGE GREATER AND
QUICKER US INVOLVEMENT IN CENTRAL PROBLEM OF THE PALESTINIANS,
JORDAN-PALESTINIAN RAPPROACHMENT AND PREVENTION OF ISRAELI ATTACKS
ON LEBANON. HE MAY ALSO EXPLAIN KUWAIT'S VIEW OF ITS ROLE IN
ARAB WORLD AND BEYOND, AND ITS SENSITIVITIES TO BIG POWER

ACTIVITIES AND INFLUENCES IN AREA.

5. ACTING AMIR, CROWN PRINCE SHAIKH JABER AL-AHMAD TENDS TO BE SOMEWHAT UNRESPONSIVE AND DIFFICULT TO DRAW OUT UNTIL AND UNLESS SOME SUBJECT, NOTABLY THE PALESTINE PROBLEM "TURNS HIM ON". WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE HE WILL WANT TO HEAR WHATEVER SECRETARY SIMON HAS TO SAY FOR A START. ON OIL MATTERS HE WILL PROBABLY TAKE A FAIRLY HARD LINE, EMPHASIZING THAT OIL IS KUWAIT'S ONLY ASSET AND THAT IT IS WASTING, THEREFORE KUWAIT HAS TO OBTAIN THE BEST PRICE POSSIBLE FOR IT. HE MIGHT ALSO POINT OUT KUWAITI EFFORTS TO AID LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BY WAY OF THE KUWAIT FUND, ETC. FROM THERE HE MIGHT MAKE HIS POINTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EARLY RESOLUTION TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE AND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM 1967 TERRITORIES, AND RESTORATION TO PALESTINIANS ON THEIR "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS". (NOTE: SINCE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SUCCESSES IN EGYPT AND SYRIA AND USG ASSURANCES OF CONTINUING EFFORTS TO HELP SOLVE MIDEAST PROBLEM, SHAIKH JABER HAS TAKEN FAR Milder LINE WITH PROMINENT AMERICANS THAN PREVIOUSLY).

6. SHAIKH JABER'S OFFICE DIRECTOR HAS ALSO INFORMED US ACTING AMIR IS "VERY INTERESTED" IN ATOMIC ENERGY FOR WATER DISTILLATION AND ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION. COMMENT: BELIEVE SHAIKH JABER'S INTEREST IN ATOMIC ENERGY PRESENTS EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY FOR US-KUWAIT COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD. ANY ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THIS THAT SECRETARY COULD GIVE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

7. COMMENT: IN GENERAL, GOK SEEMS TO BE TAKING VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD SIMON VISIT AND WE HOPEFUL IT CAN BE VERY USEFUL IN US-KUWAITI RELATIONS.

8. SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW RE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS.
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